Clemson, Charleston, USC named best buys

Magazine releases top 100 list

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Three South Carolina schools — Clemson University, the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston — ranked among the nation's top 100 best values in college education released by Kiplinger's Personal Finance on Tuesday.

Clemson University ranked 41st USC ranked 42nd and the College of Charleston ranked 84th.

The annual Kiplinger ranking of the "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" is based on a combination of academics and affordability.

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To see how other schools fared, the full list can be viewed at GreenvilleOnline.com

The ranking specifically compares costs and benefits.

It is "an important distinction for prospective students and their families," especially in the current economy, said Robert Barkley, admissions director at Clemson.

Top honors — for the 10th time since Kiplinger's first analysis in 1998 — went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.